

MONTANA WILL SOON HAVE STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION

Last Reminders of Rough Pioneer Days Will Close Doors in Another Week.

REVOLVERS ONCE FREELY USED

Cow-Punchers Formerly Drifted to Drinking Places in Towns—Floor of Butter Buffet Made of Imitation Silver Dollars.

HELENA, MONT., December 25.—(Special)—State-wide prohibition goes into effect in Montana at midnight of December 31, this year. With the passing of the saloon there will disappear the most popular entertainment of the West. At one time the saloon was an important feature in the social life of the hardy pioneers of the Treasure State.

In the early days when men were blazing the Western trails, the saloon followed them, and as a rule, was among the first industries to set up and transact business in the country. At one time a top and a board bridging two boxes for a bar, hospitality at so much a drink was dispensed to the wayfarers.

The community pitied the owner of the saloon or "half way house" waxed prosperous in proportion. The keepers had a strenuous life, for those who sought their services, dismounted cattlemen, mafchines, Indian fighters, cattlemen, shepherds, the trappers and the deer do well. Revolvers more often than not were the tools of their trade. The keepers' armament lay on the bar within hand's reach and in full sight of the perhaps, too ebullient customer to remind him that there were limited weapons in his possession.

Cowpunchers, after months on the prairies looking after cattle, free of restraint and their pockets full of money rode into town scarcely disengaged from the dash of fire and report of revolvers. Like a tornado they swirled up to the front of the saloon, reined in their steeds, took a look around and some times rode in through the swinging doors. There were profitable days for the bartender, but he must need be a diplomat if his place remained intact.

Hard on the heels of the saloon came the gambler with the tools of his trade. Then followed the dance hall adjunct which brought with it the "torches" that signified it was at least of the automatic musical machines. All were part and parcel of the saloon.

Some of the modern saloons in the larger towns were elaborate in their fixtures, furniture and decorations. Until a few years ago Butte had a buffet whose entire floor was laid with imitation silver coins, entirely natural and unpainted.

Bartenders in the State with other saloon employees number about 5,000 at the present time. A large percentage of saloons will continue to do a good business, either at lunch or both, or as howling alleys, pool halls or shooting galleries, and it is thought most of the saloon employees will remain while the experiment is being tried.

Several of the larger breweries will turn to making artificial ice. Others, it is planned, will dry vegetables.

STAID OLD LONDONERS STARTLED BY OFFICER

LONDON, December 25.—(Special)—The scene was a first-class compartment of an underground train, proceeding westward by slow stages about midnight. Tuesday. The occupants were roughly listed, a portly and dignified old man, his son, a young army man with all the glory of a heavily gold-braided and scarlet-handled cap, the insignia of solemnity and importance, in the wearer was the embodiment of an eminent and immediate matron of the upper-upper stratum, in evening dress, with pearls. A mature gentleman of the same class with shining white shirt front and silk tie, portly and very tired indeed.

Entered a young officer with ribbons for valor on his chest, and turned out to the limit by his soldier servant, who, with the gaudy bobby, shamed the company with a spacious rifle.

"Well, here we are, and glad to be her again," he proclaims beamingly and with an Oxford accent. "Here is my old friend, the bobby." Shakes hands, puts the gaudy bobby's helmet on his own head and crowns bobby with the officer's cap.

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Later, while the train stood in Westminster station, he filled the corridor, and said to the multitude very gravely while wearing the helmet and holding the policeman's whistle: "Excuse me, portly, but you cannot come in here. This is a private party. I know you would not intrude." "God bless him," commented the old lady. And that is the general human atmosphere of London in this victory week.

MUTINY OF GERMAN SAILORS FIRST STEP IN REVOLUTION

Vorwerts says Pro-German Officers Planned to Send 8,000 Men to Sure Massacre.

AMSTERDAM, December 25.—(Special)—The attempt of officers of the German high seas fleet to make a suicidal sortie against the British grand fleet before the armistice was signed is characterized by the Berlin Vorwerts as "the last devilish crime against the German people that sealed the doom of the Pan-Germans." Refusal of the sailors to go out and fight is regarded as the first step toward the German revolution. This mutiny is described by the Vorwerts as an act of self-defense by 80,000 men against the villainous Pan-German powers.

To understand the position, continues the newspaper, "it is necessary to go back to the feverish propaganda of the Pan-Germans at the end of November, when they had lost all hope of defeating the British fleet. To save themselves, they conceived the idea of baiting the powerful ironclad force which could easily have completed extermination. The death of the men, though it did not concern these madmen, was reckoned a human being never counted. Their notion of military honor was that the whole world should suffer一同 to be buried rather than undergo the shame of defeat."

With their minds steeped in the worship of might, they had no inkling of the revolutionary currents among the men, nor had they imagined that iron discipline was not the only their hellish plan was to send out the ships to be sacrificed to the last ship. The news spread like wildfire.

At the last moment of the war was to be killed," they asked.

The officers harangued, cajoled in vain. Three times the order was given. It was a difficult position for men with

Wouldn't It Get Your Nanny?

By F. Opper



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